

**WHEREAS,** Epilepsy, also known as Seizure Disorder, has afflicted mankind since the dawn of our species and has been recognized since the earliest medical writings; and

**WHEREAS,** a seizure is a sudden, brief attack of altered consciousness, motor activity or sensory phenomena. It is a sign that certain brain cells (neurons) are discharging an excessive amount of electrical impulses, and

**WHEREAS,** Epilepsy can be caused by injury to the brain, lack of oxygen at birth, brain tumor, infection and brain hemorrhage. In sixty percent of the cases, the cause is unknown; and

**WHEREAS,** Epilepsy can affect anyone, at any age and at any time; and

**WHEREAS,** more than two million Americans are afflicted with some type of Epilepsy, of this number, 150,000 are Florida residents; and

**WHEREAS,** lack of education about this disorder has contributed to age old myths, superstitions and prejudices; and

**WHEREAS,** people who have Epilepsy make reliable and conscientious workers in job performance, productivity, safety, cooperation and attendance; and

**WHEREAS,** Epilepsy should not be a barrier to success. In addition to the normal requirements for success, a person who has Epilepsy needs a supportive environment and employers who are willing to give them an opportunity to become productive citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2004 as:

**“NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of October, 2004.

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**Tom Truex, Mayor**

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